

Washington, DC – Tuesday, Congressman Harry Teague's 'Energy Jobs for Veterans Act' passed the House of Representatives. Below is a list of supporting industry and veterans' service organizations as well as quotes in support of the proposal.

New Mexico voices in support of 'Energy Jobs for Veterans' Act:

"This bill offers a great opportunity to a new generation of veterans that have a specific set of needs," said Sonya Crose of Las Cruces. **Sonya is a veteran of the Air Force and member of Congressman Teague's Veteran Advisory Committee**. "Congressman Teague's legislation will fulfill those needs by securing our country's energy needs for the future and giving veterans the skills they need to secure our energy for the next generation."

"New Mexico is a mostly rural state and this very important piece of legislation will go a long way to provide training and outreach to those who live in rural areas of our state where we currently see a high unemployment rate. The men and women who proudly and bravely served our country deserve all of the opportunities possible when it comes to job creation," **NMDVS Secretary John Garcia**.

"I spent the last two years of my Air Force career counseling young active duty troops. In those

days, jobs weren't that scarce and yet many of them still struggled to find meaningful employment," said **Veteran Advisory Committee member Terry Benson of Alamogordo**. "There are too few jobs open to our returning troops and I feel this would be an excellent opportunity for them to develop careers in the energy industry."

"America's veterans should have every opportunity to utilize and develop their skills domestically. HR 4592 prepares our veterans for a life-long career in domestic energy industry, which will ultimately help America achieve its foremost security imperative; energy independence," **Jim Ferland, Senior Vice President, Utility Operations, PNM Resources**.□

"The Energy Jobs for Veterans Act will not only provide much needed incentives to make sure that our veterans can find well-paying jobs but also make sure that our growing energy sector has a pool of well-trained workers. This would be an excellent boon to our community," **Nick Vogen, The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce**.

Organizations Supporting the Energy Jobs for Veterans Act:

PNM Resources

Sapphire Energy

Louisiana Energy Services (LES)

Armstrong Energy Corporation

Center for Excellence in Hazardous Materials Management (CEHMM)

Las Cruces Green Chamber

New Mexico Department of Disabled American Veterans (NMDAV)

New Mexico Department of Veterans Services (NMDVS)

New Mexico Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars

Marine Corps League of New Mexico

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